

SECRETOEXA 83-0907/1
13 April 1983MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of External Affairs
Deputy Director, Office of External Affairs

FROM:

[redacted]
Chief, House Liaison

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SUBJECT:

Representative McCurdy (D., OK) Briefing, 20 April

REFERENCE:

a. OEXA 83-0907, 11 April 1983 memo
(McCurdy's Visit to Headquarters)b. Memo from [redacted] to ADDI re same

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1. Referenced memoranda is being sent FYI and background.
2. Thus far, the schedule looks like this:

o 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.: McCurdy meets with DDI (Gates) for courtesy call and short introduction to DI (DDI office)

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o 9:45 to 10:45: Briefings on subjects listed in attached (Rm 2E 49)

o 10:45 to 11:00: Coffee/coffee cake break (Rm. 2E 49)

o 11:00 to 12:00: Briefings (Rm 2E 49).

The briefings will be handled by Larry Gershwin, NIO for Strategic Programs and members of his staff.

3. Mr. McCurdy must leave by 1:00 p.m. Are you interested in hosting an informal luncheon in EDR 12:00-1:00 for the visiting Congressman? Please advise.

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Attachments

cc:

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Oklahoma - 4th District

4 Dave McCurdy (D)

Of Norman — Elected 1980

Born: March 30, 1950, Canadian, Texas.
Education: U. of Okla., B.A. 1972, J.D. 1975.
Military Career: Air Force Reserves, 1968-72.
Profession: Lawyer.
Family: Wife, Pamela Plumb; two children.
Religion: Lutheran.
Political Career: Okla. assistant state attorney general, 1975-1977.

The Member: Although the 4th District gave a large majority of its 1980 vote to Reagan and has a considerable military population, McCurdy has not been afraid to challenge its sentiments in the House. He voted against Reagan's budget and has criticized the Pentagon for failing to document how it will spend the extra money Reagan wants for defense.

McCurdy said the administration's economic planners had projected an unrealistically low future inflation rate, and that any budget based on low projections would later have to be increased substantially. Despite a 45-minute session with the president and six other congressmen, McCurdy voted for the Democratic budget plan sponsored by Oklahoma Rep. Jim Jones.

"A lot of people say this vote is political suicide for me," McCurdy said, "but I still have faith the people believe they sent me to do what I think is right, not what is politically popular."

When McCurdy began his 1980 campaign, he was unknown in most of the district. He had never run for office before and had not been active in Democratic Party affairs. He built his own organization, tried to avoid any ideological label and was helped by several longtime backers of Democratic Rep. Tom Steed, who retired after serving 32 years. McCurdy narrowly defeated Republican Howard Rutledge, a retired Navy captain and former Vietnam POW who was supported by many military employees.

The District: The district stretches across central and southwestern Oklahoma and has three major urban centers: Shawnee, Norman, and Lawton. Before the redistricting of the 1960s, it was concentrated in the Shawnee and Stillwater areas, all east of Oklahoma City. But since, it has spread west and south to take in Norman and Lawton. The district has a strong military flavor; Altus Air Force Base and Fort Sill are located in it, and Tinker Air Force Base is in nearby Oklahoma City.



Committees

Armed Services (21st of 25 Democrats)
 Procurement and Military Nuclear Systems; Readiness.

Science and Technology (22nd of 23 Democrats)
 Energy Development and Applications; Science, Research and Technology.

Elections

1980 General		
Dave McCurdy (D)		74,245 (51 %)
Howard Rutledge (R)		71,339 (49 %)
1980 Primary Runoff		
Dave McCurdy (D)		33,520 (51 %)
James Townsend (D)		31,940 (49 %)
1980 Primary		
James Townsend (D)		31,104 (40 %)
Dave McCurdy (D)		26,173 (34 %)
Cuffie Waid (D)		10,722 (14 %)
Clifford Marshall (D)		7,035 (9 %)
District Vote For President		
	1980	1976
D	61,333 (35 %)	D 85,429 (53 %)
R	102,264 (59 %)	R 73,168 (45 %)
I	7,480 (4 %)	

Campaign Finance

	Receipts	Receipts from PACs	Expenditures
1980			
McCurdy (D)	\$407,553	\$41,350 (10 %)	\$279,248
Rutledge (R)	\$160,323	\$29,043 (18 %)	\$159,115

Key Vote

97th Congress
 Reagan budget proposal (1981)

4th District: South central — Lawton, Norman. Population: 517,352 (21% increase since 1970). Race: White 440,151 (85%), Black 37,481 (7%), Indian 22,737 (4%), Others 16,983 (3%). Spanish origin: 16,937 (3%).

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Dave McCurdy
Norman, Oklahoma

House of
Representatives

Personal Data

House service, January 3, 1981 to present.
Born March 30, 1950 in Canadian, Texas. University of Oklahoma, B.A., 1972 and J.D., 1975. Student, University of Edinburgh Graduate School of Economics, Scotland, fellowship from International Rotary Foundation. Admitted to Oklahoma Bar, 1975. Attorney; associate, Luttrell, Pendarvis & Rawlinson law firm. Assistant Attorney General of Oklahoma, 1975-77. Author: "Analysis of the Amended Law on Commitment of the Mentally Ill," Oklahoma Bar Association Journal, December 1975; "Report of the Attorney General on Medical Malpractice & Insurance," Oklahoma State Medical Association Journal, January 1976; "The Emerging Constitutional Rights of the Mentally Disabled," Oklahoma Bar Association Journal, Spring, 1977. Member: American and Oklahoma Bar Associations. Married, two children. Lutheran.



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Committee Assignments

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Armed Services

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Readiness

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